



Department of Health and Human Services
West Nile Virus Highlights
October 15, 2004 (to date)

HUMAN CASES (750 in California as of 10/15/04, 10:49 a.m.)

Nationally*: 2,118 human cases have been reported in 39 States and the District of Columbia; 61 deaths have been reported in 22 States.

California: 750 West Nile Virus Infections have been reported in 24 local health jurisdictions, and 20 deaths statewide.

Long Beach: 15 West Nile Virus infections have been reported, and 1 death (on 8/9/04). 382 WNV tests conducted in our Public Health Laboratory.

WNV SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL IN LONG BEACH (ongoing)

Birds

- ♦ **32 WNV positive** birds found in 14 Long Beach Zip Codes (51 birds total tested).

Mosquitoes

- ♦ **52 mosquito pools tested WNV positive** in seven Long Beach Zip Codes.

Chickens

- ♦ **14 birds in all of the City's four chicken coops tested WNV positive.**

Vector Control Programs

- ♦ **Hundreds of miles** of gutter, storm drain and other mosquito breeding sites are sprayed monthly in the City to control mosquito populations.

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WNV COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH IN LONG BEACH (ongoing)

- ♦ 19 community presentations reaching several hundred residents
- ♦ 9 presentations to local physicians/hospital groups
- ♦ 4 presentations to City Council
- ♦ Participation in regional media campaign
- ♦ 9 press releases and 22 articles in local and regional publications
- ♦ Door-to-Door Outreach Campaign by Health Inspectors - 2,005 residents reached

***National statistics are underreported due to reporting delays.**